

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/764,346

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 2/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>2/21/2006</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. In response to the Office action dated December 12, 2005 the Amendment has been received on February 21, 2006.

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in this application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-32 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a urological working place comprising an examination table releasable secured to a U-bow and replaceable by an alternate examination table that is independent of the movements of the U-bow and wherein an x-ray source and an image processing device are displaceable relative to the U-bow individually and synchronously in a transverse direction, and the U-bow is supported in a lower area thereof so that it is tiltable in the longitudinal direction of the examination table as claimed in combination with all elements of claim 1. Claims 2-22 are allowable by virtue of their dependence.

With respect to claim 23, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a urological working place, comprising: a U-bow having arranged thereon an x-ray source at one end thereof and an image processing device at an opposite end thereof, wherein the x-ray source and the image processing device are displaceable in a transverse direction

relative to the U-bow, and the U-bow is tiltable relative to a vertical axis as claimed in combination with all elements of claim 23. Claims 24-32 are allowed by virtue of their dependence.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-11, filed February 21, 2006, with respect to claims 23-25 and 29-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 23-25 and 29-32 has been withdrawn.

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Grady (US Patent 4,756,016) and Wilson et al. US Patent Application Publication 2001/0048732 A1) teach a U-bow having arranged thereon an x-ray source at one end thereof and an image processing device at an opposite end

thereof but fail to teach the arrangement wherein the x-ray source and the image processing device are displaceable in a transverse direction relative to the U-bow.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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